

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Provisional Double-Patenting Rejection

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has maintained the provisional rejection of Claims 1-9, under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as being unpatentable over Claim 1-49 of co-pending, co-owned US Serial No. 10/294,205, in view of US Patent No. 6,267,864 (Yadev, et al.).

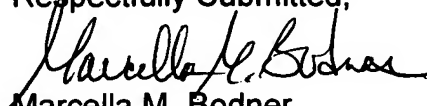
A Terminal Disclaimer over co-pending, co-owned US Serial No. 10/294,205 accompanies this Response and is believed to overcome the aforesaid rejection.

Applicants and their attorney believe that this response does not add any new matter to the present application, does not alter the scope of the claims, and will not require further searching by the Examiner. Therefore, entry of the Terminal Disclaimer and re-examination and allowance of Claims 1-9 are respectfully requested. If, however, such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any outstanding issues in connection with the present application.

Since this Response is being submitted within two months after the mailing date of the final Office Action, applicants and their attorney respectfully request issuance of an advisory action from the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130 fee (Code 1814), which is due in connection with the submission of the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer to **Deposit Account 18-1850**. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Response After Final Rejection. If, however, any such fees, including petition and extension fees, are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 18-1850. In the meantime, please direct all future correspondence relating to the present application to the undersigned attorney.

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